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1. (C) SUMMARY. THE MURDER OF A CANADIAN  
MISSIONARY AT HIS HOME OUTSIDE KIGALI AND NEW ETHNIC  
VIOLENCE IN CYANGUGU PREFECTURE DURING THE PAST  
WEEKEND HAVE HEIGHTENED INTERNAL TENSIONS AND  
INSECURITY. THE PERPETRATORS IN EACH CASE ARE  
UNIDENTIFIED. CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND THE CANADIAN'S  
DEATH SUGGEST ROBBERY, POLITICS, OR VENGEANCE AS  
POSSIBLE MOTIVES WITHOUT CLEARLY IMPLICATING ANY ONE  
SIDE. TUTSIS WERE THE VICTIMS IN CYANGUGU AND  
COMMUNE OUTSIDERS ARE SUSPECT. THE CANADIANS AND THE  
FRENCH VIEW THE CANADIAN'S DEATH AS A SPECIAL CASE

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THAT IS NOT AFFECTING THEIR SECURITY ASSESSMENT.  
AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND VOLUNTEERS IN CYANGUGU  
PREFECTURE ARE SAFE. THE DEATH OF THE CANADIAN MAY  
HAVE PROMPTED THE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK OUT ON SECURITY  
IN A SPEECH TO THE NATION DECEMBER 1 (REPORTED  
SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.

CANADIAN MISSIONARY KILLED  
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2. (U) A CANADIAN MISSIONARY, FRANCOIS CARDINAL,  
50, WHO HAS BEEN A TEACHER AND DEVELOPMENT WORKER IN  
RWANDA FOR THE PAST 23 YEARS, WAS KILLED OUTSIDE HIS  
HOME THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 29 BY ARMED MEN WEARING  
MILITARY UNIFORMS. SOURCES CLOSE TO THE  
INVESTIGATION SAY HE WAS SHOT SIX TIMES AT CLOSE  
RANGE WITH LARGE CALIBER RIFLES. HE HAD APPARENTLY  
STEPPED OUTSIDE CARRYING A GUN AFTER SHOTS BROKE HIS  
WINDOWS AND WAS CAUGHT IN A CROSSFIRE. CARDINAL, A  
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN  
INSTRUCTION, WAS A POPULAR MISSIONARY WHO WORKED

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CLOSELY WITH YOUTH AT A DEVELOPMENT CENTER NOT FAR  
FROM KIGALI. HE WAS WELL-KNOWN IN THE DIPLOMATIC  
COMMUNITY FOR THE FARM PRODUCE HE DELIVERED WEEKLY  
FROM THE PROJECT. NO MOTIVE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AND  
NO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS CRIME.

3. (C) CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, CIRCULATING IN THE  
DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND AMONG HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS,  
SUGGEST THE MISSIONARY MAY HAVE BEEN TARGETED FOR  
DEATH BY PERSONS CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT. HE HAD  
REPORTED THREATS ON HIS LIFE TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY  
AND TO OTHER DIPLOMATS IN RECENT WEEKS. YOUTH FROM  
HIS PROJECT MADE A DEPOSITION TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY  
SAYING THEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED AND ASKED TO KILL HIM  
BY SOMEONE CONNECTED WITH SAGATWA, THE PRESIDENT'S  
PERSONAL SECRETARY, AND A PERSON OFTEN NAMED AS  
BEHIND SIMILAR SCURULOUS EVENTS. CARDINAL HAD ALSO  
HAD A PUBLIC ARGUMENT RECENTLY WITH COL. SEREBUGA,  
RETIRED HEAD OF THE ARMY WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE  
MISSIONARY'S PROJECT COMMITTEE. SPECULATION SUGGESTS  
CARDINAL CROSSED THESE POWERFUL MEN IN SOME  
UNSPECIFIED WAY, RESULTING IN HIS DEATH.

4. (C) THE NONCE AND CANADIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSY

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SOURCES BELIEVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE "TOO NEAT" IN IMPLICATING THE PRESIDENT'S SIDE. THEY WONDER WHETHER THE OPPOSITION OR EVEN THE RPF MIGHT HAVE SET UP THE EVENT TO IMPLICATE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY.

5. (LOU) ROBBERY MAY HAVE BEEN THE MOTIVE, AS MONEY WAS REPORTEDLY STOLEN FROM HIS HOUSE DURING THE  
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ATTACK AND HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE HAD THE PROJECT

PAYROLL THERE. HUMAM RIGHTS GROUPS REPORT THERE HAS BEEN AN UPSURGE IN VIOLENT BANDITRY IN THIS AREA SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER.

6. (U) DCM ATTENDED THE FUNERAL MASS DURING WHICH BOTH THE CHURCH, REPRESENTED BY THE NONCE, AND THE GOVERNMENT, REGYHKBMOSYO

IAN), CALLED FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE THAT IS TEARING THIS COUNTRY APART. THE MINISTER, A TUTSI AND A MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY, COMMITTED THE GOVERNMENT TO SEEK AND BRING TO JUSTICE THE

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PERPETRATORS OF THESE CRIMES.

7. (C) NEITHER THE CANADIANS NOR THE FRENCH BELIEVE  
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THAT THIS EVENT, TRAGIC AS IT IS, WARRANT  
REEVALUATION OF SECURITY MEASURES FOR THEIR  
COMMUNITIES. BOTH REGARD THE CASE AS PARTICULAR TO  
THE PERSON IN QUESTION WITH NO BROADER IMPLICATIONS  
FOR FOREIGNERS, EITHER DIPLOMATS OR MISSIONARIES.

ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN CYANGUGU PREFECTURE  
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8. (LOU) TWO BRUTAL KILLINGS, WHICH OCCURRED THE  
NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 27 IN KIRAMBO COMMUNE, CYANGUGU  
PREFECTURE, HAVE CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF HATE AND  
TERROR IN THE AREA. THE KILLINGS WERE COMMITTED BY A  
BAND OF ABOUT 50 YOUTH WHO SURROUNDED THE VICTIMS'  
HOUSE WHILE TWO MEN ENTERED TO COMMIT THE CRIME. THE  
FIRST VICTIM, A YOUNG TUTSI, WAS HACKED TO DEATH IN  
HIS BED. THE OTHER, A HUTU WITH TIES TO THE LIBERAL  
PARTY, WAS BEATEN TO DEATH WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.  
TWO OTHER HOMES WERE RANSACKED THE SAME NIGHT BY THE  
SAME GROUP, BUT THE VICTIMS ESCAPED ALIVE. NEARLY  
200 PERSONS, MOSTLY TUTSI WOMEN AND CHILDREN, HAVE  
SOUGHT REFUGE SINCE THESE EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN-RUN

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METHODIST HOSPITAL IN THE AREA.

9. (U) THE PREFET OF CYANGUGU (WHO WAS PREFET OF KIGALI WHEN ETHNIC VIOLENCE ERUPTED IN BUGESERA LAST MARCH) ACCOMPANIED BY THE BOURGEMESTRES OF THE AFFECTED AND A NEIGHBORING COMMUNE, HELD A PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 1 IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE ORDER AND CONVINCE THE DISPLACED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. THE AUTHORITIES PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE THE KILLINGS AND LOOTING AND SAID THEY WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES

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OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND ETHNIC GROUPS ON THE INVESTIGATION TEAM. THEY ALSO AGREED TO ESTABLISH PATROLS IN THE AREA COMPOSED OF GENDARMES, ETHNIC GROUP REPRESENTATIVES, AND POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES.

10 (LOU) MISSIONARIES TOLD EMBOFF THAT THESE PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED WITH SKEPTICISM. THE POPULATION APPEARS TO HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE AUTHORITIES, ESPECIALLY ONE OF THE BOURGEMESTRES WHO HAD BEEN OPENLY CRITICIZED BY THE MURDER VICTIMS.

11. (LOU) THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE PLANS TO VISIT THE AREA DECEMBER 2 TO TRY TO CALM THE AREA. HE HAS LIVED IN THE AREA WHEN HIS WIFE WORKED AS A NURSE AT THE MISSION HOSPITAL.

12. (LOU) ALTHOUGH THE CYANGUGU PREFECTURE HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF POLITICAL PARTY CLASHES IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE IS NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF PARTY INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ETHNIC VIOLENCE. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMUNITY REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, THE MRND, TO BE BEHIND THE TROUBLES. THE MOB THAT COMMITTED THE HEINOUS CRIMES IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COME FROM OUTSIDE THE COMMUNE.

SPURRED TO ACTION?

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13. (C) THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO THE NATION DECEMBER 1 ON INTERNAL SECURITY (REPORTED SEPTTEL), MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED AT LEAST IN PART BY THE MURDER

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OF THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY. THE SPEECH EMPHASIZES  
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY COMMUNITY TO  
RWANDA AND TO ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.  
WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE PRESIDENT MET DECEMBER 2  
WITH MRND PARTY OFFICIALS AND WAS  
INSISTENT THAT THE PARTY YOUTH GROUP, THE  
INTERAHAMWE, THOUGHT BY MANY TO INCLUDE TRAINED  
MILITARY, BE CONTROLLED.

LOOSE ENDS  
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14. (LOU) MEANWHILE, THE 42 HUTU WHO SOUGHT REFUGE

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LAST WEEK AT THE BURUNDI EMBASSY IN KIGALI (REF A)  
EMBASSY DEPARTED DECEMBER 1.

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15. (LOU) ALTHOUGH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE ISSUED A  
WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF MRND OFFICIAL LEON  
MUGESERA, WHO GAVE AN EXTREMELY INCITEFUL, RACIST  
SPEECH AT A RALLY LAST WEEK IN GISENYI PROVINCE (REF  
A), HE IS STILL AT LIBERTY. SOURCES SAY THAT THOSE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING HIM UP ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE  
HUTU EXTREMIST PARTY, THE CDR.

COMMENT

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16. (C) IF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY FOLLOW  
THROUGH ON HIS DECISION TO DISCIPLINE THE  
INTERAHAMWE, WE MIGHT SEE REAL PROGRESS ON THE  
SECURITY SCENE. NEVERTHELESS, THE ATTACKS ON THE  
CANADIAN MISSIONARY AND IN CYANGUGU HAVE HEIGHTENED  
TENSIONS AND INCREASED FEARS AMONG RWANDANS THAT NO  
ONE IS SAFE ANYWHERE ANYMORE. THE AMBASSADOR WILL  
DISCUSS THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION WITH THE  
OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT A REGULAR BI-WEEKLY  
TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 4. THE MISSION'S EMERGENCY  
ACTION COMMITTEE WILL MEET TO REVIEW THE IMPLICATIONS  
OF THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN LIGHT OF  
THE STALEMATE AT THE ARUSHA PEACE TALKS. ALL  
AMERICANS ARE CURRENTLY SAFE.

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